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Resources for Students

Montana University System

A one-stop guide for information about each of Montana's two-year and four-year colleges, including tribal colleges

<http://www.mus.edu>

Smart About College

A helpful guide for students and parents from the Montana Student Assistance Foundation

<http://www.smartaboutcollege.org>

ACT Resources

ACT Student App for iPhone and iPod touch

Use the "Practice" feature to answer practice items and receive feedback <http://www.act.org/mobileapps/actstudent/>

ACT Question of the Day

One question a day from the English, Math, Reading, or Science components of past ACT tests

<http://www.actstudent.org/qotd/>

Facebook

Like 'The ACT Test' and participate in discussions

www.facebook.com/theacttest?sk=wall&v=wall

Sample Essays with Scores

See sample essays for each scoring level and an explanation of the score given.

<http://www.actstudent.org/writing/sample/index.html>

Tips for the ACT Writing Test

Learn how to pace yourself, as well as prepare, write, and review your essay.

<http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/tips/writing.html>

Essay Scoring Guidelines

Descriptions of scoring criteria ACTreaders will follow to score essays

<http://www.actstudent.org/writing/scores/guidelines.html>



<http://mus.edu/gearup/>



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Attention All Montana high school juniors:

On Tuesday, April 23, 2013, the ACT Plus Writing (ACT) will be offered free of charge to every junior attending a Montana public high school. The ACT will help you:

- Plan for college
- Identify your strengths, knowledge, and skills
- Learn about a variety of career options



Be sure to take
advantage of this
great opportunity!

What is the ACT?

The ACT is a standardized test that measures a student's knowledge in English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing. Colleges and universities accept ACT scores as part of the admissions process. The state of Montana offers high school juniors the opportunity to take the ACT in the spring, so they can evaluate their readiness for college and have their test results in time for college application, which begins in the fall of their senior year.

Five Reasons to Take the ACT

1. Your test results will show you the areas where your knowledge and skills are strong and areas that might need improvement.
2. You can send your scores to as many as four colleges free of charge.
3. Many colleges and universities offer scholarships and other academic awards to students with high ACT scores.
4. A good ACT score can help balance out a low GPA when applying for college.
5. It's free, you have nothing to lose!

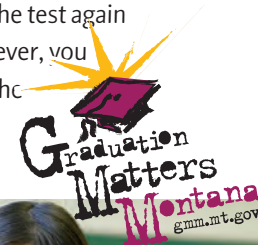
What Students Want to Know about the ACT

1. **What if I haven't decided whether I want to go to college?**
Go ahead and take the ACT. You may find that you have the knowledge and skills for interesting career paths that you hadn't thought about before. You can take the test and then determine if you want to submit your test score to a college or university. However, there is a fee if you decide to submit your test score after you take the test.
2. **How can I prepare for the test?**
The Montana Office of Public Instruction is providing juniors with a practice test: **Preparing for the ACT**. You will receive your copy at school during the month of March.

You can also take additional practice tests and answer daily sample questions to help you prepare through the ACT website: www.act.org or go to: <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/>
3. **What is the highest score you can get on the ACT?**
The ACT test score is a combination of your scores in English Language, Reading, Math and Science. The highest score is a 36. The average score is 21. The writing portion of the test is scored separately. The highest score on the writing portion is a 12. The average score is between seven and eight.

4. **I have my scores, now what?**

Talk to your school guidance counselor or career counselor about your scores. They can assist you in planning your next steps. Look at college and university websites, where you can find helpful information for starting the application process. If you feel you could get a better score on the test, you can take the ACT again. Many students choose to take the test again in their senior year. However, you will need to pay a fee for the additional test.



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